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BRIEFS**FIRST VBS DEBUTS AT 223-YEAR-OLD CHURCH**

SPARTA, Ga. (BP) — Island Creek Church near Sparta, Ga., conducted Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer for first time since its founding in 1794. "We wanted to grow the children's ministry because we believe they're the future of the church," said Arthur Gunn, the church's pastor for 18 years. "When I first came to the church, we only had a couple of children attending. We never felt there were enough children attending or leaders for a VBS." The results of the church's first VBS? A total of ten children made professions of faith and others are being discipled in anticipation of their baptisms in the near future. Gunn has some advice for churches wondering if VBS is worth the effort: "If they have any children at all around, those churches need to try it. Kids absolutely enjoy VBS. Ours were thrilled with it and asked if we were going to have it again next year."

GALLUP: DECLINES LOOM LARGE FOR PROTESTANTS

NASHVILLE (BP) — Data gathered by the Gallup polling organization in Washington, D.C., point to a dwindling percentage of modern Americans who identify with a specific Protestant denomination such as the Southern Baptist Convention. Americans who regard themselves as Christians without claiming a specific denomination nearly doubled from nine percent in 2000 to 17% in 2016. At the same time, the percentage of Americans who do not claim a religious identity of any kind doubled from 10% in 2000 to 20% in 2016. Overall, Protestants shrank from 57% of the population in 2000 to 47% in 2016. Gallup reported that of Americans who do claim a specific Protestant denominational identity, Baptists are the largest group with 10% of the population. Some three percent identified specifically as Southern Baptists in 2016, down over half from eight percent in 2000.



Experts sound alarm on Internet

Addictive behavior signaling problems with excessive use

NASHVILLE (BP) — Paul Kelly, a professor at Southern Baptists' Gateway Seminary in suburban Los Angeles, had a friend who became so addicted to online gaming that he would ignore his family and friends and skip meals so he could play more games on the Internet.

His desire became so severe, Kelly said, that he began failing classes and stole from his family to support his habit.

Amid the emerging challenge of Internet addiction, youth ministry experts are calling for churches to raise awareness of the topic and provide resources for parents and students. While pornography is perhaps the most publicized online addiction, Internet-based activities that are less sinister can rise to a harmful level, according to a growing body of evidence.

Kelly, professor of educational leadership at Gateway, told Baptist Press he is "very concerned about much that teens are doing on the Internet," though he believes harmful online behavior generally stops short of addiction.

"The Internet is ubiquitous for most teens," said Kelly, who teaches youth ministry. "The Internet is

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Parents: No time left to save Gard's life

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — In a heart-rending case that gained international attention, the parents of Charlie Gard have put an end to their legal fight in England to gain potentially life-saving treatment in the U.S. for their 11-month-old son.

A lawyer for the parents, Chris Gard and Connie Yates, told a judge in a British High Court hearing July 24 that "time had run out" for the infant, according to the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) News.

The legal battle over the child's life came at the intersection of the sanctity of human life, medical ethics, and parental rights. The parents raised about \$1.7 million for an experimental treatment in

the United States, but Great Ormond Street Hospital in London where Charlie is a patient refused to permit the therapy to go forward and received the backing of various courts to remove him from life support.

Pro-life advocates grieved the result. "Charlie Gard might be invisible to the European authorities, but Jesus knows and loves him," said Russell Moore, president of the Nashville-based Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, in written comments.

"The European courts' abuse of their power by usurping the authority of Charlie's parents regarding his care is shocking to the conscience," Moore said. "We should pray for them, and

for this troubling precedent from the courts to end."

The baby has a rare condition known as mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome (MDDS). Michio Hirano, a neurology professor at Columbia University in New York City, had offered to try nucleoside bypass therapy with Charlie but an MRI scan indicated it was too late, according to BBC News.

The legal battle, which began in early March, saw three British courts rule against the parents before the European Court of Human Rights announced June 27 it would not intervene in the case, BBC News reported.

Charlie's parents have blamed the drawn-out legal proceedings as a major factor in his now-certain demise.

Ole Miss forces Freeze to resign

OXFORD, Miss. (BP and local reports) — The forced resignation of Ole Miss head football coach Hugh Freeze, a Mississippi Baptist known for his high-visibility Christian witness, amid what the university described as "moral turpitude" has left believers disappointed and expressing hope for repentance.

"I truly believe that [Freeze] is a good man," said Clarence Cooper, pastor of Brandon Church, Brandon, and a friend of Freeze for two decades. "He has been overtaken with a fault. In his text to me was, 'I love you. Please pray for me. Please stand by me and pray for my family.'"

Freeze, a regular speaker about this faith at churches and conferences across the state whose Twitter ac-

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From the editor

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Churches as scofflaws

It's a topic that's been discussed before in this space, but it bears repeating. Check out the sheet music storage rooms in many Mississippi Baptist churches, and you'll find evidence of a crime.

It's not because our churches are continuing criminal enterprises. It's because many churches in Mississippi are lax in their observance of copyright laws — the most innocent explanation — or just don't care about following the laws in the first place. Either explanation can land a church in the same world of trouble.

It's simply not legal to copy music and other materials at will. "The U.S. Copyright Law is designed to encourage the development of the arts and sciences in our society — composers, authors, poets, dramatists, choreographers, and others," according to the Music Publishers Association of the United States (MPAUS).

"It is essential to the future of printed music that the Copyright Law be upheld by all. Composers, arrangers, publishers, and dealers are losing a significant percentage of their income because of illegal photocopying," MPAUS says. "This loss of revenue ultimately means that less and less printed music will be available on sale, short print runs will mean higher prices for what is available, and dealers are no longer able to afford to carry large stocks of sheet music."

We've all heard of the cases of teenagers being sued in civil court and/or prosecuted in criminal court for downloading copyrighted digital music to their computers. Duplicating sheet music and other copyrighted materials is just as illegal.

"Copyright owners have every right to prosecute offenders under the U.S. Copyright Law," MPAUS points out. "To date, there have been a notable number of court decisions against individuals, churches, colleges, and other institutions for violation of the Copyright Law — some involving substantial fines."

Those substantial fines can run as high as \$250,000 per violation. The most flagrant and intentional abusers of copyright laws can spend as many as five years in prison, too.

The following are expressly prohibited under U.S. copyright laws (and this is not a comprehensive list):

- Copying to avoid purchase of copyrighted materials, whether one copy or one thousand copies are made on church equipment.

- Copying music for any kind of performance (with strict emergency exceptions).

- Copying without including copyright notices, or intentionally obscuring/removing those notices.

- Copying to create anthologies, compilations, or historical collections — no matter how noble or innocent the original intent.

- Reproducing materials designed to be consumable such as workbooks, standardized tests, and answer sheets.

- Charging users beyond the actual cost involved in making legally-permitted copies. In other words, making an undeserved profit after a copyright owner has given the green light for reproduction.

Copyright entitlements also cover CDs, DVDs, and digital downloads over the Internet. While copyright enforcement has struggled to keep up as new copying devices are introduced at a dizzying rate, the laws still apply.

Modern copyright law is a complicated field that encompasses both hundred-year-old technologies as well as the latest trends as they are introduced, so churches would be well advised to engage in at least an annual review of the laws involved.

A music minister recently began an interim term in a Mississippi Baptist church. He was astonished to discover that virtually every copy of sheet music at the church was in violation of copyright laws. He came to understand that had apparently been the situation for decades. No one at the church had given a second thought to running copies for the whole choir.

He promptly informed the church's leadership of the dangers involved, and those leaders wisely allowed him to quickly correct the problem.

Would that small church, in out-of-the-way Mississippi, have ever gotten caught for those longstanding violations? The answer doesn't really matter.

What matters is that we do the right thing. What matters is that the lost people literally surrounding every one of our Mississippi Baptist churches know that we are honest people — followers of the One who commanded us to be light in a dark world.

How can we be that light when we are stealing from others? Think about it.

Advocacy Journalism

When I was in journalism school, there was no such term as "fake news." Rather, journalism students were taught to act with integrity, objectivity, and accuracy in accordance with the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Code of Ethics which included the following four principles intended to form the foundation of ethical journalism:

- See! Truth and Report It.
- Minimize Harm.
- Act Independently.
- Be Accountable and Transparent.

The SPJ Preamble reads, "Public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. Ethical journalism strives to ensure the free exchange of information that is accurate, fair and thorough. An ethical journalist acts with integrity."

In the religious journalism trade, we practice what I call advocacy journalism. The Arkansas Baptist News and other state Baptist papers are literally in the business of advocating for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Does that mean we misrepresent the facts in order to advocate for our higher calling? What it means is that we unabashedly report the news based on our Christian worldview. While we report on what some may call our bias for Christianity, I like to think we work hard to uphold high standards of journalism and Christian ethics.

Though much of the writing we do includes feature stories and short news items from our churches, state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention, from time to time news reporting means that we need to get both sides of the story so the reader will be accurately informed.

One such story in recent years was our reporting on the vote to legalize medical marijuana in Arkansas. While there was no doubt in our reporting where Arkansas Baptists should stand on the issue, we also solicited comments from proponents of legalizing marijuana.

While it is my opinion that legalization of marijuana in any form is bad for Arkansas, it is sometimes helpful to hear what others are saying to help Arkansas Baptists better understand the issue.

Even when I was in journalism school, it was well known that journalists by and



Guest opinion
with Tim Yarbrough

large were more liberal in their thinking than conservative. It seems in the 35 years since I graduated from journalism school, that trend has solidified further to the point that many — not all — journalists in the mainstream media practice what I call activist journalism.

While it may seem there is no difference between advocacy and activist journalism on the surface, I submit to you there is a huge difference. While the Arkansas Baptist News exists to advocate for the cause of Jesus Christ overtly, activist journalism is more covert as a means to sway public opinion to a particular cause or political candidate.

It may be said that the devil works in subtle and covert ways, and there is no doubt that by and large he has control of what we see in the mainstream media and entertainment.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we seek to resist his attacks daily by reading God's Word, with our prayer life, and through tempering our thoughts and actions. Another way is by inhabiting our mind with information that is edifying to our Father.

While not all of the news we publish or post online is something we want to read, we believe fervently that it is something you need to know to grow and defend your faith until that day when we come into the presence of our Lord.

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SO THANKFUL — Niya Cotton (at podium), a member of Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, leads the Who-So-Ever-Will Choir in praise and worship during the 2017 Black Church Leadership and Family Conference in mid-July at LifeWay Christian Resources' Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina. (BP photo)

African American So. Baptists meet at Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP and local reports) — Ryan Rice, African American founder and pastor of Life Church, a Southern Baptist congregation in New Orleans, attended his first Black Church Leadership and Family Conference in mid-July at LifeWay Christian Resources' Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina.

"To see other pastors who look like me... and have flourished in their families and their ministries, that's been a huge blessing and an encouragement," Rice told Baptist Press on the second day of the July 18-21 conference.

Rice connected with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) three years ago while searching for a partner to help him plant Life Church in the Algiers community of New Orleans. At Ridgecrest, he has already established connections he considers valuable to the life of his ministry.

"It's been the relationships that I've been able to develop, even in a short 24-hour span of time, and just the real nuggets of wisdom that I've gleaned from other pastors who've been doing ministry longer than [I have], and who've given their heart, their soul," Rice said.

"It's been a huge blessing to be a part of the SBC," he continued. "It's been a great thing to see how God is moving among the SBC, seeing the generations now, kind of touch every generation from my generation — millennials — all the way on, and then the multi-cultural aspect as well. I've been definitely blessed."

Ken Weathersby, African American vice-president for convention advancement at the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, likened the worth of the SBC to an African proverb that suggests if you want to simply run fast, run alone, but if you want to run farther, run with others.



RICE

Weathersby grew up in Jackson and is a graduate of Baptist-affiliated Mississippi College in Clinton. He holds a doctorate from New Orleans Seminary.

On the heels of the SBC's passage of a resolution denouncing Alt-Right white supremacy at the group's 2017 annual meeting in Phoenix, Weathersby encouraged conference attendees during the event's opening evening worship in Spilman Auditorium to help eradicate racism where present in the SBC.

"There will be no racism in the Southern Baptist Convention. We will not tolerate racism," Weathersby said, though not referencing the resolution. "As Dr. [Frank S.] Page said when he greeted you here last year, there will be no parity in the SBC."

Page is president of the SBC Executive Committee and has initiated intentional racial strides forward, as indicated by inclusion of the voices of Southern Baptists of all ethnicities in policy initiatives and priorities.

Byron Day, president of the SBC's National African American Fellowship (NAAF) of 4,000 churches and pastor of Emmanuel Church in Laurel, Md., described the conference sponsored by LifeWay Christian Resources as "one of the most exciting, encouraging, and empowering events for black Southern Baptists."

Among the 200 or so pastors, ministers, and others who attended the welcoming reception NAAF hosted on the conference's opening night, about 25 were first-time attendees of the conference held annually for nearly 25 years.



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Preliminary LifeWay figures show a total conference attendance of about 950 people.

"The annual conference is important because it offers African American Southern Baptists the opportunity to worship and fellowship with brothers and sisters from all over the country in a familiar cultural context not available to them at similar conferences," said Day.

"The numerous training classes and activities for the entire family provide a time of rest and renewal for our pastors, church leaders and their families."

Day, like others, pointed to the networking and information-sharing as beneficial. "I am very grateful to LifeWay and its partners for their commitment to this event that equips, encourages and edifies the saints."

Conference convener Mark Croston, an African American who serves as LifeWay's national director for black church partnerships, voiced excitement at the opportunity to offer the event.

"Having all the SBC entities and other partners represented allows us to offer classes and experiences for all aspects of church life and something for all age groups," Croston told BP.

"What really makes this event unique is that we really do have something for the entire family," he observed.

With its origins in ministry to African American Southern Baptists, the conference has multicultural value, Croston said.

"We are [titled] black church but not just for black church," he said. "We have many who are not black but want to share with or learn how to share with African Americans in their communities. One white family from Vermont is here. They adopted a black child and want to give him time and experiences with other black children, but it turns out they have been having as great an experience as their child."

Trillia Newbell, African American director of community outreach for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, addressed racial unity in her 2014



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book, United: Captured By God's Vision for Diversity. She told BP the conference is an opportunity for churches to gather, support, encourage, and equip each other for the glory of God.

Newbell believes the SBC has made strides in racial reconciliation and has hope that Southern Baptists will continue to see progress.

"I don't know of anyone who doesn't need to grow," she said, moments before teaching a conference class on July 19 encouraging women to love the unborn, unloved, and neglected.

"The truth is that we will not see complete restoration until Jesus comes," she stressed.

Eric Geiger, vice president of LifeWay's resources division who is Caucasian, preached on sanctification from Galatians 3:1-13.

Praise leader and vocalist Niya Cotton, a member of Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas and wife of conference worship leader Roy Cotton II, a widely-known Christian music engineer in Dallas, sang a closing hymn, How He Loves Us, before the benediction.

For most churches, the benediction signals the end of worship, but Cotton kept singing. "He is jealous for me. Love like a hurricane, I am the tree bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy."

The Who-So-Ever-Will Choir, a volunteer impromptu group drawn each year from conference attendees, remained on stage, praising God and singing background at times.

More than 100 of the 700 or so adults gathered for the worship service remained in the auditorium, singing along, clapping, hands, swaying, undaunted by the close of service. After 20 minutes of soulful love ballads to and about God, Cotton's father-in-law Roy Cotton Sr. joined in singing, Oh How I love Jesus.

Someone shouted "Hallelujah," even as the crowd dispersed and fellowshiped with conference attendees in Ridgecrest coffee shops, courtyards, and other venues.

It seems like every afternoon in July the clouds have rolled in, to be followed by thunderstorms that leave a ton of water on top of us. On one recent afternoon, I had my youngest grandson with me. It had been raining and was still raining. He and I were in the car together talking about how bad the rain was. He said to me, "You know, sometimes when it rains and I'm at home and can't get out to play, I get bored and what I do is just look out the window and watch the drops of rain as they race down the glass." I fully understand that you, like me, can ignore the great wisdom found in that moment, but suddenly I woke up and said, "You do what?" He told me again that he would sit there and watch the window pane as the drops of rain hit and raced each other to the bottom of the glass.

The psalmist said, out of the mouths of babes comes great thought (Ps. 8:2). Kids are so creative, and he is one of the most creative I have run into. He's my youngest grandson, and he's seven years old. I thought to myself, what an incredible, wonderful, positive attitude to have about life. When the day turns bad, find the good. Adults, on the other hand, find it harder to get through those kind of days. When we get bored or dissatisfied with life, we gripe and fuss and complain and wonder why the rains keep coming. When we do, we miss seeing all the races on the windows that are going on around us.

In reality, those of us who know the Lord ought to have a positive side to our lives where we can see a lot of the good, even on the bad days. I don't know that days can get much worse than they got for Paul and Silas when they were beaten and shackled in the inner dungeon of a prison (Acts 16:16-40).

Finding the Good

Get the picture. They were there for doing good. It's always more painful when bad things happen to you because you did something good. Paul and Silas had been sharing the message of Christ in Philippi when the strong arm of the law jerked them into the jail, beat them, and locked them away. What did they do? They found songs to sing. In the darkness, praise and prayer began to echo from their jail cell.

I wonder what they sang. I wonder if Paul and Silas were good singers or not. Most importantly, I wonder *why* they sang. That we can discover because Paul and Silas were people who had great confidence in God even though circumstances were against them and everything around them in life was moving against their freedom, their willingness to serve Jesus, and their very future. Yet, they sang. It may not have been the worst day they ever had or the worst night they ever spent but on that night, they began to sing and praise God.

Maybe you're going through a difficult day. The storm clouds are circling, the rains have descended, the floods have come. Maybe you've gotten a bad word about your health. Maybe things haven't gone well at work. Maybe you can't find any work. Maybe someone has deceived you, betrayed you, hurt you. Maybe someone in your family has let you down. Maybe someone has not lived up to what you thought they ought to be. The day has grown dim.

Strangely, many times those of us who believe in Jesus quickly have our faith drained from us and instead of praising God, we point a finger at God. Why didn't He do something? Why didn't He come when I needed Him? Why didn't He change the circumstances? Why didn't He protect me? Why didn't He do something to them? Every one of us face difficult days and trying ways in our lives. Faith looks beyond just the things we see on the surface and trusts a God who will not forsake us, has not betrayed us, and wants us to put our confidence in Him.

Paul and Silas did. At some point during the night, the jail began to shake. It's fascinating to read about it in Acts 16 because in our lives when things are going bad and then there's another layer of bad, we think, "Well everything I've wondered about and doubted about the Lord taking care of me has come true and it's even getting worse." Really? It isn't worse. It's getting better. An earthquake hit the place. The doors flung open. All the prisoners were going to be able to walk out. Paul and Silas came to those open doors and looked up the steps that led to the top of the prison. They saw their jailer — who was now experiencing his own bad night — standing there with a lamp and a dagger in his hands, about to take his life. To the jailer, there was nothing left for which to live.

Paul told the jailer, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here" (Acts 16:28). The man said, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). Paul and Silas said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). All of a sudden, Paul's and Silas' bad night was turned into a glorious day. All of a sudden, the darkness of a life that had no future was turned around for the jailer, who entered a life he had never known was his.

Are you having a bad day? Just stop and look out the window at the clouds releasing those raindrops. Pause for a moment and watch some of them race down the window pane. Pick a winner, and then enjoy the moment. Through the hope God gives us, the faith He offers us, and the life He instills in us, it's possible that in Christ you can find good in those bad days.

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Vacation Bible School

GRACE UNITED CHURCH, DECATUR, recently held Vacation Bible School on June 19-23, with an average of 50 children and youth nightly. Kristy Leach, director; Jana Smith, crafts and kitchen; Michelle Addy, music director; Jamie Leach, pastor.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, STARKVILLE, recorded 32 students, 15 youth volunteers, and 26 adults who attended the church's recent Vacation Bible School.



SPRING HILL CHURCH, WATERFORD, recently held Vacation Bible School. Pictured are participants.

NORTH GREENWOOD CHURCH, recently held Vacation Bible School on June 12-16. Pictured are participants.

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the

HOUSE TOPS.

Matthew 10:27 NAS

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You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)

Pray for: **Floyd & Sylvia Wingo**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through strategy coordination.

Pray for: **Charles & Shannon Worthy**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples through community outreach/encounter.

Pray for: **James & Mary Adair**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through church planting.

Pray for: **Bethany Allen**, missionary ministering to European Peoples through community outreach/encounter.

Pray for: **Richard & Martha Seal**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through financial administration & church/home outreach evangelism.

Pray for: **Karl & Peggy Wallace**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through mission administration & church/home outreach evangelism.

Pray for: **David & Regina White**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through church planting & church/home outreach evangelism.

Pray for: **Karen Brown**, missionary ministering to American Peoples through nursing.

Pray for: **Matthew Burks**, missionary ministering to European Peoples through general evangelism.

Pray for: **Rebekah Clark**, missionary ministering to European Peoples through youth evangelism.

Pray for: **Cindy DeMars**, missionary ministering to European Peoples through church/home outreach evangelism.

Pray for: **Guy DeMars**, missionary ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through hospitality coordination.

Pray for: **Thomas & Kerri DeWett**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through general evangelism & church/home outreach evangelism.

Pray for: **Kaye Brooks**, missionary ministering to American peoples through church planting.

Please keep ALL of our missionaries in prayer throughout the month of August!

The IMB missionaries listed in the HouseTops prayer calendar are currently active in 2-4 year terms or in career service.

PASTOR/LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

TOGETHER FOR CHRIST

PASTORS AND WORSHIP LEADERS
2017 WORKSHOPS

AUG. 7 - FBC, Clinton
AUG. 14 - FBC, Batesville
AUG. 28 - FBC, Long Beach
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SUNDAY SCHOOL/SMALL GROUPS



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Pastor Leadership Development is currently working through the Associations to update our files. If you have not done so recently, please make sure your association has your current contact information. Information and opportunities specifically for Bivocational Pastors coming soon.

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CRAINFIELD	449,52	224,76	674,28	MALCOLSON	1,400,00	1,000,00	10,000,00	FIREFIELD	4,000,00	4,180,00	16,180,00	NORTH BAPTIST	816,46	1,041,36	1,857,72
FBC NATCHEZ	2,000,00	96,00	2,096,00	MCCARLEY	4,594,00	2,496,50	7,090,50	LONE STAR	9,192,10	8,880,00	16,072,10	NORTH LONG BEACH	723,60	1,640,42	2,364,02
MANASSEH	1,246,10	10,418,12	24,657,57	MC CARR	7,884,56	6,428,45	16,314,04	MOUNT HOPE	1,500,00	1,513,03	3,013,03	OLIVET	600,00	435,00	1,015,00
IMMANUEL	2,961,42	2,928,00	5,887,42	MT OLIVE	6,316,79	4,070,00	10,386,79	PEACE	1,254,08	3,204,00	4,458,08	PENNSYLVANIA	3,244,31	5,156,48	8,400,79
MORCANTOWN	12,279,38	14,490,52	26,769,90	MT PISGAH	6,316,79	4,070,00	10,386,79	PEPPERDINE	2,166,50	1,187,50	3,354,00	PEPPERMINT	1,959,53	2,130,37	4,089,70
PARKVIEW	3,000,00	30,000,00	33,000,00	NEW HOMES	1,000,00	520,00	820,00	PEPSICO	1,022,60	3,003,60	4,025,20	POPPS FERRY	1,275,00	1,182,00	2,657,00
PEACEMAKER	6,005,00	90,100	6,095,10	PEPPERDINE	2,000,00	2,000,00	4,000,00	POURWOOD	5,020,00	6,682,00	11,682,00	POURWOOD	5,020,00	6,682,00	11,682,00
STANTON	6,651,19	8,475,44	17,136,63	PEPPERDINE	3,544,40	520,00	4,064,40	PRESTON	1,500,00	5,455,02	6,955,02	PRESTON	1,500,00	275,00	1,780,00
WASHINGTON	7,180,41	8,475,44	17,136,63	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	2,168,01	16,000,00	37,166,00	PRIDE	14,046,00	11,658,93	25,837,72
ADAMS 1600	170,000,00	170,000,00	170,000,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	12,302,31	11,166,26	22,768,57	PRIDE	6,070,00	7,340,47	13,410,47
ALCORN				PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	18,277,22	17,100,33	45,457,85	PRIDE	7,340,47	7,340,47	15,000,00
ANTIOCH	5,235,37	9,472,57	14,707,94	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	3,166,00	5,334,00	8,668,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
BETHLEM	2,782,33	4,179,51	6,961,84	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
BUSHCREEK	239,18	66,58	93,76	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
CAVALRY	1,288,45	4,395,35	5,693,80	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
COUNTY LINE	10,000,00	13,000,00	23,000,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
DALEWOOD CHURCH	600,00	600,00	1,200,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
DANVILLE	1,284,66	1,360,00	2,644,66	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
EAST COKETT	1,284,66	1,360,00	2,644,66	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
FBC BICKERSTAFF	1,284,66	1,360,00	2,644,66	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
GLENDALE	1,000,00	2,000,00	3,000,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
HINKLE	1,284,66	2,000,00	3,284,66	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
HORN	639,40	639,40	1,278,80	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
KEMPS CHAPEL	1,466,87	1,648,47	3,111,74	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
KORSHT FIRST	3,075,00	4,074,00	7,149,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
LIBERTY	3,075,00	4,074,00	7,149,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
LINCOLN	300,00	300,00	600,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
LOVE JOY	619,95	1,119,95	1,739,90	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
NORTH CORINTH				PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
REDFORD	124,943,38	99,957,00	184,900,47	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
RIBBLE	1,284,66	1,662,65	3,047,31	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
SOUTH CORINTH	500,00	1,200,00	1,700,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
TATE	24,116,92	47,456,59	71,573,51	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
TISH-KIN-MINCO CHAPEL	3,647,13	1,600,00	5,247,13	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
WILSON	3,009,49	2,003,00	5,012,49	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
VICTORY	1,182,95	473,16	591,45	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
WEST CORINTH	100,00	12,00	12,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
WILSON GROVE	55,445,37	16,551,42	71,996,79	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
ALCORN 1600	312,274,18	955,024,17	1,061,198,35	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
ATTALA				PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
ASSOCIATION	301,00	301,00	602,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
BEAR CREEK	936,00	2,233,00	3,169,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
BOWLIN	107,00	216,00	323,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
BROOK RIDGE	50,00	20,00	70,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
CENTER	1,081,00	1,181,00	2,262,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
COUNTY LINE	2,654,00	4,000,00	6,654,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
DOTY SPRINGS	2,020,00	4,000,00	6,020,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
DOZIER	6,630,00	13,399,00	20,069,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
ETHER	7,311,26	6,433,47	13,744,73	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
FBC MOSKOSKO	62,799,59	70,079,00	132,868,59	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
HARVESTING CHURCH	6,000,00	10,000,00	16,000,00	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
HILLVIEW	1,284,66	1,648,47	3,111,74	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
HORN	1,284,66	1,648,47	3,111,74	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
KATONAH	1,284,66	1,648,47	3,111,74	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
KELLY	1,284,66	1,648,47	3,111,74	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
KELLY	1,284,66	1,648,47	3,111,74	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
KELLY	1,284,66	1,648,47	3,111,74	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
KELLY	1,284,66	1,648,47	3,111,74	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00
KELLY	1,284,66	1,648,47	3,111,74	PEPPERDINE	1,020,00	131,00	1,151,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,508,00	PRIDE	1,254,08	1,254,08	2,

Total	Coop.	Program	Other	Total	Coop.	Program	Other	Total	Coop.	Program	Other	Total	Coop.	Program	Other	Total
989.33	SAND HILL	19,933.14	10,627.67	14,046.78	FBC PLANTERSVILLE	12,302.71	10,486.29	22,997.07	FBC INVERNESS	6,279.40	2,132.05	8,411.45	FBI NEWTON	52,044.01	49,623.93	71,167.67
721.66	SANDERSVILLE	17,088.00	15,716.64	32,793.65	FBC SAUTILO	10,469.91	11,077.00	21,546.91	FBC TITANIA	10,469.91	11,077.00	21,546.91	FBI UNION	29,653.73	41,763.93	71,423.60
857.72	SELTZER	7,425.00	1,945.00	9,370.00	FBC SHANNON	9,786.00	6,278.03	16,064.83	FBC ROSEALE	1,960.00	4,958.96	6,822.96	GOOD HOPE	3,155.00	3,155.00	6,310.00
40.42	SUMMERMONT	13,819.40	9,939.34	23,759.34	FBC TURELO	27,979.21	66,994.58	96,923.79	FIRST BELLEVILLE/SHELBY	300.00	2,000.00	2,300.00	GRACE UNITED	4,708.19	4,060.83	8,766.00
105.00	TUCKERS CROSSING	5,128.10	75.00	13,820.44	FBC UTERNA	2,858.54	4,684.54	13,970.91	GLENDALE	1,854.98	2,626.99	4,481.97	HICKORY	25,280.94	15,415.58	40,695.51
517.03	JUNIOR	2,029.37	26,126.56	46,155.93	FBC VANDERBILT	249,491.00	132,073.60	381,564.60	GLASGOW COMMUNITY	371.58	900.00	900.00	HOPKINS	2,066.10	2,156.26	4,224.36
409.79	WEST ELLILOUE	1,200.00	3,300.00	4,500.00	FAC MACEDONIA	1,766.51	1,750.00	3,516.51	HOLLYWOOD	6,265.13	9,786.00	16,051.13	LAWRENCE	3,357.00	3,540.00	6,897.00
626.00	WEST LAUREL	187.00	224.53	41,781.30	FAC MOUNTAIN DRIVE	3,700.00	3,000.00	5,700.00	HOLLANDALE	6,197.19	13,022.27	19,490.20	LIBERTY	4,260.43	4,369.32	8,623.75
948.43	JONES	558,016.60	37,641.24	593,357.40	FAC SINAI	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	HOMESTEAD	6,197.19	13,022.27	19,490.20	MIDWAY	3,260.00	3,260.00	6,520.00
441.00	KEMPER	2,442.18	1,239.00	3,671.18	NEW BEGINNING MB CHURCH	75.00	47,722.44	81,733.59	HOMESTEAD	6,197.19	13,022.27	19,490.20	MONT GORDON	3,155.00	3,155.00	6,310.00
441.00	BAY SPRINGS	1,487.00	1,287.00	2,774.00	OLD UNION	6,250.00	11,148.00	17,398.00	HORNBECK	2,393.69	1,247.52	3,634.21	MONT GORDON	3,155.00	3,155.00	6,310.00
300.00	BLACKWATER	603.53	250.00	853.53	PALESTINE	13,209.95	2,379.35	15,589.30	MORGAN CITY	6,939.35	4,972.00	11,918.35	MONT GORDON	825.00	560.00	1,385.00
109.69	BLUFF SPRINGS	1,000.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	MONTGOMERY	2,964.61	5,174.46	8,111.07	MORRISON CHAPEL	5,100.63	10,970.29	16,670.70	MONT GORDON	540.00	3,361.30	3,901.00
272.47	CORINTH	1,268.00	880.00	2,148.00	MONTGOMERY	6,747.16	7,333.55	13,907.37	MONT GREENWOOD	89,245.53	31,777.00	120,000.00	MONT GORDON	4,484.17	4,302.00	8,786.17
124.60	DEARLB	8,784.90	10,140.00	18,924.90	MONT PARADISE	150.00	150.00	300.00	MONT PHILIPSTON	294.38	444.38	738.76	MONT SULPHUR SPRINGS	235,291.39	120,349.54	356,240.00
108.46	DEBRY	390.00	1,420.00	1,810.00	MONT PRIDE	1,426.85	1,522.02	2,948.87	MONT PROVIDENCE	2,666.30	4,204.46	5,000.76	MONT SULPHUR SPRINGS	235,291.39	120,349.54	356,240.00
114.31	ELLEN	490.00	1,020.00	1,510.00	MONT RIVER	5,451.41	5,451.41	10,902.82	MONT RIVER	3,500.00	3,500.00	7,000.00	MONT SULPHUR SPRINGS	235,291.39	120,349.54	356,240.00
120.00	ESOCOBA	3,051.00	9,099.00	12,150.00	MONT UNION	1,664.00	3,446.00	6,633.00	MONT UNION	510.00	3,950.00	4,460.00	MONT SULPHUR SPRINGS	235,291.39	120,349.54	356,240.00
120.00	UNION	1,664.00	1,764.00	3,428.00	MONT UNION	1,407.88	6,761.39	2,084.27	MONT UNION	5,100.63	10,970.29	16,670.70	MONT SULPHUR SPRINGS	235,291.39	120,349.54	356,240.00
120.00	UNION HILL	45.00	3,182.70	3,633.90	MONT UNION	18,700.00	31,770.75	80,470.75	MONT UNION	5,750.00	12,194.00	17,948.00	MONT SULPHUR SPRINGS	235,291.39	120,349.54	356,240.00
168.06	WAHLAHAH	1,500.00	1,625.00	3,125.00	MONT UNION	1,664.00	1,664.00	3,328.00	MONT UNION	1,664.00	1,664.00	3,328.00	MONT SULPHUR SPRINGS	235,291.39	120,349.54	356,240.00
177.65	WEST KEMPER	1,641.00	1,641.00	3,282.00	MONT UNION	1,664.00	1,664.00	3,328.00	MONT UNION	1,664.00	1,664.00	3,328.00	MONT SULPHUR SPRINGS	235,291.39	120,349.54	356,240.00
109.96	KEMPER Total	23,822.87	35,469.70	59,292.51												
99.98	LAMAR	1,000.00	9,500.00	10,500.00	LINCOLN	6,400.25	4,948.52	11,346.77	LINCOLN	2,666.30	4,204.46	5,000.76	LINCOLN	2,755.48	6,311.58	13,587.00
400.00	ALTIMONT RIDGE	1,854.36	1,667.67	4,789.33	LINCOLN	4,186.73	3,151.35	7,538.08	LINCOLN	3,500.00	3,500.00	7,000.00	LINCOLN	324.68	1,244.02	1,568.70
251.30	BALTIMORE	1,420.00	1,420.00	2,840.00	LINCOLN	1,276.40	1,266.00	302.40	LINCOLN	3,500.00	3,500.00	7,000.00	LINCOLN	100.00	100.00	200.00
120.00	BELLEVUE	26,503.30	27,773.31	54,276.61	LINCOLN	2,120.00	6,932.00	9,043.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	1,594.94	2,706.94	LINCOLN	119.57	1,197.49	1,317.05
120.00	COALTOWN	1,571.08	835.00	2,406.08	LINCOLN	4,914.00	6,250.00	11,148.00	LINCOLN	510.00	3,950.00	4,460.00	LINCOLN	1,664.73	4,664.88	6,273.50
120.00	CORNERSTONE	2,076.00	1,714.04	3,790.04	LINCOLN	2,120.00	2,110.00	4,230.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FBC LUMBERTON	9,126.08	8,478.61	17,604.69	LINCOLN	2,120.00	2,110.00	4,230.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FBC COUCH	19,240.42	2,225.00	21,465.42	LINCOLN	10,412.56	9,305.11	19,616.77	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FBC COUCH	17,187.00	1,714.00	18,891.00	LINCOLN	20,458.00	2,030.00	22,476.95	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FBC COUCH	40,291.59	38,784.00	77,075.59	LINCOLN	9,334.33	4,788.00	14,122.36	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	GOOD HOPE	7,537.46	6,035.00	14,360.51	LINCOLN	934.33	4,728.86	6,372.59	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	GREENVILLE	1,641.00	654.67	2,295.87	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	IMMANUEL	600.00	5,600.00	6,210.00	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	MILITARY	684.87	610.00	1,294.87	LINCOLN	15,713.00	31,216.25	55,741.30	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	OKLAHOMA	7,593.38	1,284.00	9,877.38	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	OLIVE	2,470.00	4,730.00	12,000.00	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	RICHBURG	1,005.25	2,083.00	3,088.25	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	WILLOW POINTE	2,769.42	2,769.42	5,538.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	LAWLERDE Total	145,288.96	135,805.17	284,914.13												
120.00	LAUDEBROOK	1,643.00	100.00	1,743.00	LINCOLN	51,234.37	40,639.00	87,663.00	LINCOLN	1,104.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	1,104.00	1,104.00	200.00
120.00	ASSOCIATION	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	BALDWIN	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	BETHANY	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	BRIGHAM	1,296.00	2,001.00	3,297.00	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	18,224.00	22,415.58	40,639.56	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00
120.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,745.42	1,745.42	3,490.84	LINCOLN	1,252.00	1,252.00	3,504.00	LINCOLN	1,112.00	21,020.80	23,020.80	LINCOLN	2,111.35	5,717.00	7,832.00

	Coop. Program	Other	Total	Coop. Program	Other	Total	Coop. Program	Other	Total	Coop. Program	Other	Total			
FBC MAGNOLIA	12,378.55	3,864.75	16,243.41	MOUNTAIN CREEK	2,174.00	2,857.50	5,031.50	HERMANVILLE	1,709.30	3,118.33	5,027.63	UNION RIDGE	1,530.00	1,850.00	3,400.00
FBC MCLOOMS	12,000.00	2,000.00	14,000.00	MT PISACHA	3,706.04	8,215.93	12,947.27	PATRICK	6,737.00	2,420.00	9,157.00	WEST END	637.65	1,445.35	2,000.00
12,000.00	91,016.23	221,079.87	313,096.10	MT ZION	7,273.00	16,405.70	23,688.70	RED LICK	2,100.00	2,050.00	4,050.00	YELLOW CREEK	676.15	1,046.15	1,700.00
PELICANS BP	2,475.21	356.00	2,831.21	NEW LIFE	3,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	SHILOH	1,110.90	3,155.08	4,263.98	WINSTON 1664	177,311.19	175,341.00	352,675.00
FERNWOOD	2,000.00	4,100.00	6,100.00	PARK PLACE	3,500.00	2,700.00	6,200.00	STEPPING STONE	2,000.00	1,802.00	3,802.00	X-TENDED MISSION	4,350.98	2,182.15	6,533.13
HOLLYBROOK	1,460.17	680.24	2,140.41	PEARSON	2,500.00	8,139.10	10,639.45	THE WRECK	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	ABRAHAMA	150.00	150.00	300.00
IMMANUEL	600.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	PELAHATCHIE	10,428.30	10,428.30	10,428.30	ADAMSON	1,709.30	3,118.33	5,027.63	BOULEVARD	16,637.27	7,217.45	23,894.72
JOHNSTON STATION	4,900.00	1,433.51	6,333.51	PLUCKETT	13,530.32	2,999.25	15,529.57	ALICE SPRINGS	100.00	425.00	525.00	BRAYBOURNE	95.00	533.00	628.00
MT. VERNON	52.00	2,000.00	2,052.00	ROSEWOOD	464.68	464.68	464.68	BETHESDA	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	CALVARY	600.00	160.00	600.00
NAVAJA	1,704.02	6,497.33	8,201.35	ROSEVILLE	2,271.69	2,384.26	5,035.95	BEULAH	2,260.00	3,000.00	5,260.00	CARRIAGE HILLS	530.62	3,515.00	4,045.62
NEW HEIGHTS	21,000.00	9,492.50	30,492.50	ROCK HILL	5,686.68	4,258.57	9,945.25	CHRISTIAN SPRINGS	401.65	1,204.94	1,606.59	CDARVIEW	1,728.90	3,515.00	5,244.90
NEW HOPE	1,750.00	1,200.00	2,950.00	STAR	3,317.01	14,998.00	47,000.00	CENTER	6,074.99	4,350.00	10,424.99	CHURCH ROAD	5,705.78	5,025.00	10,730.78
NORTH MCCOMB	1,600.00	1,107.00	2,707.00	THE ARCH AT NORTH END	3,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	CORNERSVILLE	1,260.11	1,100.00	2,360.11	COLONIAL HILLS	12,500.00	1,000.00	13,500.00
PROGRESS	7,000.00	1,675.00	8,675.00	THORN HILL	815.00	815.00	815.00	DEAN	1,025.00	1,025.00	2,050.00	DEAN CHURCH	92,700.00	1,000.00	93,700.00
SILVER CREEK	7,105.00	2,008.00	9,113.00	TRINITY	6,099.77	5,232.00	10,331.77	DEBIE	2,110.00	2,110.00	4,220.00	EBENEZER SENATORIA	2,967.26	1,753.00	4,720.26
SOUTH MCCOMB	4,441.13	5,413.13	9,854.26	TRINITY MEMORIAL	900.00	3,554.98	4,454.98	EVANSVILLE	7,284.02	7,284.02	14,568.04	EVANSVILLE	10,276.25	1,341.25	11,617.50
TANGAROMA	7,915.21	4,263.30	12,178.51	UNION	7,633.25	2,524.65	10,157.90	FAIRFIELD	2,719.98	4,767.98	7,485.96	FAIRFIELD	4,105.00	525.00	4,614.00
TERRY'S CREEK	1,640.00	1,200.00	2,840.00	WALKER HILL	1,105.00	1,105.00	1,105.00	FAITH	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	FATH	2,244.44	2,244.44	4,488.88
UNION	2,002.02	3,900.00	5,902.02	WALKER HILL	1,105.00	1,105.00	1,105.00	FAITH	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	FATH	2,244.44	2,244.44	4,488.88
WELL MCCOMB	16,586.52	25,449.67	42,036.19	WALKER HILL	1,105.00	1,105.00	1,105.00	FAITH	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	FATH	2,244.44	2,244.44	4,488.88
AT REED	329,759.88	230,557.92	560,307.80	WALKER HILL Total	19,849.68	28,989.71	48,839.39	WALKER HILL Total	19,849.68	28,989.71	48,839.39	X-TENDED MISSION	4,350.98	2,182.15	6,533.13
SCOTT	2,547.66	3,435.00	5,982.66	WILHELM	5,686.79	9,651.05	15,337.84	WILHELM	100.00	425.00	525.00	WILHELM	150.00	150.00	300.00
BETHLEHEM	5,247.66	3,435.00	8,682.66	WILSON	1,670.23	3,154.29	4,824.52	WILSON	200.00	825.00	1,025.00	WILSON	16,637.27	7,217.45	23,894.72
BRANCH	5,686.79	9,651.05	15,337.84	WILSON	1,670.23	3,154.29	4,824.52	WILSON	200.00	825.00	1,025.00	WILSON	16,637.27	7,217.45	23,894.72
CAYARY	1,111.26	1,111.26	2,222.52	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
CAVENDISH	2,125.00	3,446.25	5,571.25	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY	1,500.00	409.98	1,999.98	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
CROSSROADS	1,948.00	1,200.00	3,148.00	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
DEAR	25,944.43	19,000.00	43,944.43	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
DUBLIN	847.00	633.00	1,480.00	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
ELKHORN	647.00	633.00	1,280.00	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
ELKHORN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00	533.00	628.00
FBC MCALPIN	2,168.95	1,116.50	3,285.45	WILSON	1,146.31	2,321.55	6,227.98	WILSON	46.00	4,100.00	4,146.00	WILSON	95.00		

Revivals & Homecomings

► **Liberty Church, Kemper Association:** 175th Anniversary, Aug. 13, beginning with cemetery tour at 9 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch, and ending with release of 175 balloons at 1:35 p.m.

(601) 479-2483.

► **Paul Church, North Central Association:** Revival, Aug. 6-8. Sun., 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Mon.-Tues., 7 p.m. Keith Harris, speaker. Rickey Harris, Pastor.

MS POSITIONS

GUM SPRINGS CHURCH, BRAXTON, MISSISSIPPI SEEKS PIANIST to serve during Sunday morning and evening worship, and Sunday morning choir practice. Please submit resume to the Pianist Search Committee c/o Music Director, 121 Victoria Pl., Brandon, Mississippi 39042, or email to jhenderson1575@gmail.com

OSYKA BAPTIST CHURCH SEEKING A BI-VOCATIONAL YOUTH MINISTER. 1-2 years experience preferred. Mature Christian who loves the Lord and is called to help youth grow in their faith, help reach lost youth. Contact Osyka Baptist Church at 601-542-5972 or send resume to osykayouthcommittee@gmail.com.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-BOYLE IS SEEKING A PART-TIME MINISTER OF MUSIC. Mail resume to: P O Box 218, Boyle, MS 38730.

D'LO BAPTIST CHURCH PRAYERFULLY SEEKING A PASTOR. Please send resumes to Patricia Keith, 2978 Calo Road, Belzoni, MS 39044. Phone 601-847-0939

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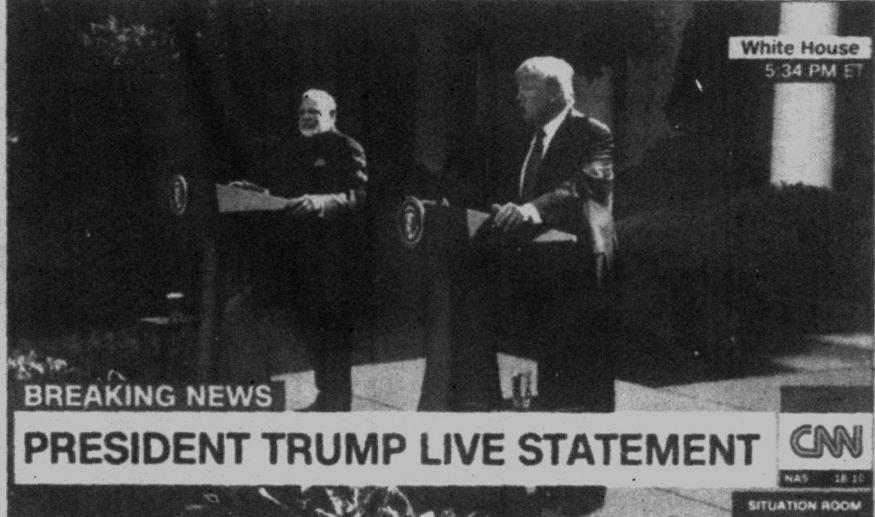
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STATE VISIT — India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi (left) and U.S. President Donald Trump hold a joint press conference June 26 at the White House in Washington, D.C. (BP screen capture from CNN.com)

Senators want India to be held accountable for discrimination

WASHINGTON (BP) — Five United States senators urged U.S. President Donald Trump to address India's deteriorating religious freedom conditions, including its discrimination against foreign humanitarian organizations, when he met with that country's prime minister on June 26 at The White House in Washington, D.C.

In a letter, U.S. Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.), and four of his colleagues called for the president to discuss the issue with Narendra Modi. However, it is uncertain if Trump raised the issue with Modi. Neither Trump nor Modi commented on the matter during a joint news conference after their meeting.

In their letter, the senators pointed out India's continuing status as one of the world's more repressive countries for religious liberty, despite its status as the largest democracy in the world. The senators specifically addressed India's use since 2011 of a law that prohibit funds from being transmitted into India by some foreign organizations.

The Indian government blocked Compassion International, a leading Christian charity, from transferring money to help with the 145,000 children in the country it was serving. The organization was forced to pull out of India in March.

Compassion International "had helped feed and provide health care to children in India for nearly 50 years," Kennedy said in a written statement. "Now thousands of innocent children will be left without this critical support."

"Many of these organizations are simply trying to meet the basic needs of the citizens of India," he said. "Discriminating against foreign organizations that help the citizens of India is counterproductive, and it needs to change."

In their letter, the senators said other evangelical organizations, "such as the Southern Baptist Convention, have also faced discrimination of various kinds."

Joining Kennedy on the letter were Republican Sens. Roy Blunt of Missouri, Mike Crapo of Idaho, and James Lankford of Oklahoma, as well as Democrat Sen. Amy Klobuchar. Blunt and Lankford are both members of Southern Baptist churches.

India has been listed as a Tier 2 country by the bipartisan U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) since 2009. Tier 2 is for countries in which the government commits or tolerates violations that "are serious and characterized by at least one of the elements of the systematic, ongoing, and egregious" standard for "countries of particular concern" (CPCs), according to USCIRF.

The CPC designation is reserved for the world's worst violators of religious liberty.

In its latest annual report in April, USCIRF said "religious tolerance and religious freedom conditions continued to deteriorate in India." Hindu nationalist groups and their supporters committed "numerous incidents of intimidation, harassment, and violence" against other religious groups in 2016, the commission reported.

Problems for foreign religious and humanitarian organizations increased six years ago, when India's Parliament amended the Foreign Contributions Regulations Act to allow the government to bar money from such groups that conduct "activities detrimental to the national interest." Since then, the government has used this language to target foreign organizations that serve India's people, the senators said in their letter.

The senators cited the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Amnesty International, the Ford Foundation, and Greenpeace as organizations that have been examined by India's government.

More than 10,000 organizations have lost their licenses since Modi became prime minister in 2014, the senators said.

"We request that you use the United States' strong, longstanding relationship with India to encourage Prime Minister Modi to alleviate the discrimination against these organizations, particularly religious-based aid groups, and to take steps to advance religious liberty for all of India's citizens," the senators told Trump, whom they thanked for his commitment to religious freedom.

USCIRF — which is made up of nine commissioners selected by the president and congressional leaders — tracks the status of religious liberty worldwide and issues reports to U.S. Congress, the president, and the U.S. State Department.

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count is filled with Christian references, resigned July 20 after the university discovered a "pattern of personal misconduct inconsistent with the standards we expect from the leader of our football team," University of Mississippi Chancellor Jeff Vitter said, according to the Clarion-Ledger newspaper in Jackson.

According to media reports, Freeze's phone records indicate he placed a one-minute call to a female escort service from his university-issued cell phone. Ole Miss did not reference any specific call, but the school's athletic director Ross Bjork said a detailed examination of Freeze's phone records revealed "a concerning pattern" that would have triggered termination for "moral turpitude" had he not resigned.

Media reports have not disclosed the specific conduct for which Freeze was forced to resign.

Freeze's exit is unrelated to an ongoing NCAA investigation of Ole Miss football for alleged rules violations, Sports Illustrated magazine reported. The NCAA is expected by mid-season to complete their investigation and possibly impose sanctions on the program.

Cooper, a former two-term president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, told Baptist Press that Freeze seems to have demonstrated initial fruit of repentance and is seeking "to get his life back together again, get his mind clear, and get things right between him and the Lord."

Freeze is not "a fake" when it

comes to his Christianity, Cooper stressed. "The closer a man is to God, the greater the temptations and the pressures are."

Pinelake Church, the Brandon-based multisite Southern Baptist/Mississippi Baptist congregation that Freeze and his family attend at the church's Oxford campus, said the church will help the Freezes through this difficult season of life.

"The Freeze family is a part of our Pinelake Church family," the church told BP in a statement. "We want to honor their privacy during this time. As a church, we are called to love and shepherd people from a biblical perspective, no matter their position. Our prayers are with the Freeze family."

Kenny Digby, executive director of Mississippi Baptists Christian Action Commission in Jackson and an avid follower of Ole Miss sports for many years, told BP that Freeze has allegedly committed a sin with significant consequences and needs spiritual restoration.

"There is a party line out there, that's just as wrong as it can be, that there are no 'big' and 'little' sins," Digby said. "That's just not true ... When it comes to sanctification, different sins carry different consequences."

Sins like those alleged against Freeze "have greater consequences than other sins," Digby said. "Does that mean we're not going to forgive? No. Does that mean we're going to be judgmental and we're not willing to restore? No. We need to be willing to forgive and restore."

Digby added that "when we are public with our faith, which we should be, we need to understand there is a higher scrutiny."

Freeze's resignation has triggered both sympathetic and hostile reactions on social media.

Mo Baker, director of the Ole Miss Baptist Student Union (BSU) in Oxford, told BP that believers should take care not to either excuse Freeze's alleged actions or be judgmental.

"The tendency is to give a knee jerk reaction of either exceptionally leaning toward free grace or being extreme in our judgment and condemnation," Baker said. "The Christian community needs to be very cautious, first of all, because we don't have all the information.

"Second, whatever he was guilty of... there needs to be evidence of repentance in order for grace to be fully given."

Freeze has spoken twice at the BSU, Baker said, noting the former coach has seemed in the past to live out his faith in an exemplary way.

The Ole Miss Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) told BP in a statement it is "praying for Hugh Freeze, his family, and his former players during this difficult time. Coach Freeze has been a friend to FCA for many years, and the ministry respects his contributions to the game of football as well as his commitment to sharing his faith with the many he has impacted during his career."

Steve Mooneyham, missions director for Gulf Coast Association in Gulfport who has held Ole Miss football season tickets for 18 years, said Freeze's alleged misconduct has made for a "sad time" in Mississippi.

A "mature" reaction to Freeze's alleged sin is to "recognize the disappointment but... also recognize the admonition of [Galatians] 6:1 to be honest about things [and]

to move toward restoration," said Mooneyham.

"To forgive is not to minimize the depth and the greatness of the sin," Mooneyham observed. "...I want [deep guilt] to drive [Freeze] to the cross, because it's at the cross that we find a great love by a heavenly Father who loves us despite our faults, who gave His Son to save us from our faults and to redeem us."

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Clue: R = G

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: 1 Peter 1:25

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Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Christ today, contact a local Southern Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR JULY 30, 2017

His Faithfulness • Psalm 146

Please turn to Psalm 146 in your "HIM-book." Our Psalm for this week is the first of the final five Psalms which are numbered 146-150. The "final five" Psalms comprise a majestic crescendo of praise for the rest of The Psalter. Each of these Psalms begins and ends with the same word: Hallel (praise). Yah (Yahweh). An amazing symphonic program triumphantly ends with full sound and and bright lights and all players participating. The final orchestral notes converge and coalesce as the cymbals crash. The conductor stretches completely out, raising the bow to signal the final note. The Psalms come to an end with five Psalms that insist that we simply keep on singing a song that never ends and dedicate it to Our Lord Who never ends!!!

This Psalmist on page 146 praises his Lord from the deepest part of his own soul. He pledges to continue to sing until his last breath has been drawn, used and released, from inspiration to expiration. He will speak praises as well as sing praises to Yahweh. I am a fully participating member of his lifelong choir. Want to join?

The Psalmist knows that words of praise and songs of praise are wasted on mortal men. Love songs sung to human beings can last only as long as they do.

Love songs are as temporary as life. Praise songs belong only to The One Lover of our souls. The sooner we realize that, the more blessed we will be. How blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob (verse 5).

Adam ate forbidden fruit left-overs. Noah planted a vineyard under the rainbow. Abraham had a date (and a son) with Hagar. Jacob was a trickster and a deceiver. Moses committed murder. Aaron fashioned and worshipped a golden calf.

The Israelites sang in the minor key of grumble. Gideon trusted in a fleece and tested the Lord. Samson got a cheap haircut. David committed adultery with Bath-sheba. Jonah took a whale of a disobedience ride. Judas betrayed Jesus. Peter denied Jesus. The disciples forsook Jesus and fled. Why sing songs of praise to these? Sing songs of praise to the One Who worked miracles through the messes! When you find your HELP in the Lord and rest your HOPE in

the Lord, you have rhyme to accompany your reason to sing.

In our recent study of responsive reading Psalm 136, we learned that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. Please make a note that every attribute of Our Lord endures forever because He endures forever. He is permanently unchanging. He is eternally abiding. He is always remaining. Pick an attribute and

write an unending song of praise: holiness of God, righteousness of God, kindness of God, truth of God, faithfulness of God, justice of God.

Sing On and On and On...

God is Creator of all. God is ever faithful and ever true. God assures justice for the oppressed. God provides food for the hungry. God sets the prisoners free, even if they remain behind bars. God opens the eyes of those who are blind. God lifts the fallen and wounded. God loves those who delight in righteousness. God pro-

tects the aliens in the land. God cares for the orphans and the widows. God stands against the plan of the wicked.

Creator. Ever faithful. Ever just. Provider. Liberator. Healer. Helper. Lover of righteousness. Protector of the weak ones. These are the titles and leading lines of many of our hymns and choruses of praise. Sing Hallel to Yahweh. He alone is worthy.

The Old Testament shows God to be the Covenant Maker and the Covenant Keeper. In our study of Psalms we have seen that for God to speak is to promise and declare it done and completely accomplished. The New Testament declares that the promises of God are "yes and amen" in Jesus. We can fully depend on our Lord as we see Him praised in scripture from the table of contents in the front of our bibles to the maps in the back of them.

Finally, we can be assured that God rules and reigns forever, even though the world around us refuses to sing His praises. One day they will praise Him with a tongue that confesses Jesus as Lord to the glory of God the Father, singing from a kneeling position. If you are breathing, you should be praising.

Brown is staff evangelist, First Church, Richland.

Objections Overruled • Exodus 3:11-12; 4:10-17

Abraham was a liar. Rahab was a prostitute. David was a murderous adulterer. Mephibosheth was crippled. How do we know these facts concerning Biblical characters? The Bible says so. Just think, God used imperfect people to tell His story to the world yet He does not hide their imperfections. How would that make you feel? For God to list out your issues for all of history to read? Do you want anyone to know your shortcomings?

What a story we have in which our God uses weak people to accomplish His mission. These men and women are reliable to our lives in how they followed God and encouraging to those of us who recognize our own imperfections. Moses fit this description better than most men in that God used him greatly despite his own shortcomings. Moses' objections to being used are easily answered, as are ours, by only realizing some basic truths concerning his relationship to God.

God is ever-present – 3:11-12

Moses had murdered. Moses had fled. In his mind, he could hide from his sin. Keep in mind that at this point Moses understood his shortcomings. He knew that he had wronged another person. That guilt was enough to drive him from his homeland. However, at this point in his story,

Moses did not know God in a personal way. (vs. 6) He did know the gods of Egypt. He knew they were stationary statues and carvings. He could easily hide from them. None in Midian had witnessed what had happened in Egypt. (2:15) Yet, the God of Israel was not only mobile but He spoke and saw. There was no hiding from a real God that is everywhere you go. This God was present enough to see Moses' faults and send him to do His bidding with Pharaoh anyway.

God makes no mistakes – 4:10-12

Moses gives God four excuses as to why he is not the man for this mission. The fourth being his inability to speak. (vs. 10) Was it nerves or some type of impediment? We do not know. What

we do know is that Moses is all out of excuses when God speaks again claiming to know Moses' body better than he does. It was God who created Moses along with his mouth (vs. 11) and it was God who would use Moses' shortcomings to bring about

His plan in Egypt. Moses could not see himself speaking to the king of a nation but he also could not see God's power in the forthcoming plagues, but they did occur just as God predicted. God had made no mistake in Moses' mouth nor in His choice of spokesman before Pharaoh.

God supplies all our needs – 4:13-17

We should never grow tired of watching God move mightily through the smallest of instruments. Moses' assignment was to go into a foreign land and removed that land's work force along with looting that land's

possessions. (3:21-22) He is asked to do this not covertly but to the very face of that nation's king.

If this were a present-day blockbuster

movie plot it would include large scale armies and an even larger scale hero. Moses was asked to accomplish this task with his little brother and a walking stick.

This ever-present, perfect God knew all too well that Moses was weak and full

of shortcomings, which make the story focus on Him and Him alone. Moses had no power over hail or bugs or the sun, yet these miracles all proved the gods of Egypt were useless against the true God of Moses. This is proof that a walking stick in the hands of a believer makes a formidable opponent.

Live It Out

What does this scene teach us about us? For starters, we can no more hide our shortcomings from God than we can hide from our own shadows. He is everywhere and see all things. There is comfort in that thought for His child. Also, whatever shortcomings you place before God in doing His service are nothing less than excuses. He made you. He knows you. Again, what comfort to know that He still desires you? Also, never let it be lost on you that whatever God has called you to do, He also expects you to do. He did not hear Moses' excuses and leave to find another. The resources you need to accomplish living out the gospel every day is at the ready hands of God. Just as they were for Moses. Learn to use them.

Anthony is director of the Collaborative Missionary Network, Oxford/Holly Springs.

INTERNET

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just an extension of where they live. We see students having real problems disconnecting from friends through texting or other forms of messaging."

The National Center for Biotechnology Information in Bethesda, Md., is a part of the United States National Library of Medicine, which is a branch

of the federal National Institutes of Health. Information provided by the Center describes Internet addiction as a "preoccupation with the internet and digital media" accompanied by an "inability to control the amount of time spent interfacing with digital technology."

Internet addicts may experience "the need for more time or a new game to achieve a desired mood, withdrawal symptoms when not engaged, and a con-

tinuation of the behavior despite family conflict, a diminishing social life, and adverse work or academic consequences," according to the Center.

Hilarie Cash, a psychotherapist at an internet addiction rehab center in Washington state, told the *Guardian* newspaper in England, "there isn't consistent criteria to measure [Internet addiction] yet," but it is "being considered for future possible inclusion" in the Diag-

nostic Statistical Manual, the standard U.S. reference book for mental health.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the average teen spends 2.3 hours per weekday engaged in media and communication-related activities.

Youth minister Chuck Butler believes churches should act now to stem the tide of harmful teen Internet consumption. "I think there are some students

who are potentially addicted to the Internet," said Butler, minister to students at multi-campus Cross Church in northwest Arkansas, told BP. "I also think there are opportunities for us to help that."

Butler pointed out one of the challenges is "for the church to be able to shine a light on [Internet addiction] and to not shame and guilt the use of technology. There is more we should do and we have got to be more proactive."

Just for the Record



EASTVIEW CHURCH, LAUREL, men's Sunday School class hand-constructed 40 wooden toy trucks for hospitalized children. Pictured are (from left) Kevin Lipps, Frank Clark, Jerry Upshaw, Andy Russell, Lloyd Lewis, Curtis Walters, and Neil Smith.

In other Church News:

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► **First Church, Renfroston**, will host Karen Peck and New River in concert at 6 p.m. on Aug. 13. Love offering will be taken. (601) 583-3733. Hal Hood, pastor.



CALVARY CHURCH, SUMMIT, sent 18 youth and counselors to camp July 5-9 at the University of Mobile in Mobile, Al. Katee Thomas, student minister. Mike Burns, pastor.

INGOMAR CHURCH, UNION ASSOCIATION, Mission Action group assisted Claire Jackson in acquiring her service dog, Gracie.

CALVARY CHURCH, BOGUE CHITTO, on Mother's Day recognized Ruth Crosby as the oldest mother present, Karly Dyess; youngest mother present, Paula Welch; oldest mother with the most children present; and Jenny Leggett as younger mother with the most children present.



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